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1. South Vietnam

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A large explosive device was discovered and deactivated today at a Saigon swimming pool frequented by Americans.

3. Burundi

The chances for a crackdown on Chinese Communist operations and arms aid to the Congo rebels are considerably diminished with the assassination yesterday of the moderate new prime minister. The King, pro-Western but indecisive, may be sufficiently intimidated to permit the radicals to return to power. Violence between Burundi's major tribes is likely.

4. Cuba

The Cubans are trying to push the Venezuelan Communists into greater revolutionary activity

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Some of the Venezuelans have been faltering lately in their zeal for violent action. Havana has come over the last few months to believe that its chances for promoting a successful Latin American revolution are brightest in Venezuela, Colombia, and Guatemala.

5. Italy

President Saragat believes that the political situation is the most dangerous since the war. He is worried that deep personal animosities among the Christian Democratic leaders may lead to disintegration of the party. The result, Saragat fears, could be a government with Communist participation or a "South American situation."

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